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The Honorable Ted Strickland  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Strickland:

This is in reply to your letter of May 23, 1994, on behalf of your constituent, Randall H. Mace, Director of the Athens County Emergency Management Agency, who is interested in the implementation of Enhanced 911 (E-911) technology in the Personal Communication Services industry.

On September 23, 1993, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order in GEN Docket No. 90-314 that established rules for new Personal Communications Services (PCS). In this Order, we urged the PCS industry and standards-setting bodies to "direct particular attention [to] offering an emergency 911 capability that would work with enhanced-911 systems (E-911) and, to the extent feasible, permit locating a caller in situations where the caller is unable to state his location." Also, we indicated that we were contemplating the initiation of a future rule making proceeding "to address E-911 and related issues with regard to PCS, cellular, and any other relevant mobile service."

In response to our Order, the Texas Attorney General's Office filed a Petition for Reconsideration requesting that we require PCS licensees to provide E-911 service as a condition of license, and that we require development of a single, uniform standard for PCS E-911 service. There were a number of comments filed in support of Texas' petition. Several companies expressed concern about the potentially significant added costs of providing precise E-911 location information, as well as the delays that an FCC mandate for providing such information could bring to PCS development.

We have carefully considered the Texas petition and the comments filed in response to it. Because of the importance of this issue, we have decided to initiate a separate rule making proceeding later this year dedicated exclusively to the E-911 capabilities of mobile telephone services. Such a proceeding will allow us to fully address all regulatory aspects of E-911, and to develop the most fair and effective regulations possible. In the meantime, a joint industry group consisting of representatives from the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), and the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA), have been working to develop a common position on how PCS E-911 service should be implemented. We expect the results of those discussions to be filed with the Commission shortly.

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We appreciate your constituent's thoughts on this important topic and have added them, along with your letter, to the record in the PCS proceeding.

Sincerely,



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Mr. James H. Quello, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Quello:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter I received from my constituent, Mr. Randall H. Mace, Director of the Athens County Emergency Management Agency in Athens County, Ohio.

Mr. Mace is concerned about the creation of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations pertaining to the development of Personal Communications Services (PCS). In particular, Mr. Mace believes that manufacturers should be required to include Geographical Positioning Satellite technology in PCS equipment. Would you please send Mr. Powell and me a copy of FCC's position on this subject? I would also appreciate you sending us an explanation of this policy.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your reply. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my legislative assistant, Andy Garfinkel, at (202) 225-5705.

Sincerely,

Ted Strickland  
Member of Congress

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Athens County Emergency Management Agency  
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2 April, 1994

Congressman Ted Strickland  
Washington, D.C.

P 3718

Dear Congressman Strickland:

Within one to three years Personal Communication Service (PCS) will begin to seriously affect wired telephone service and we in Public Safety have a great concern for it's ability to protect its user. As one of your constituents working in the field of Public Safety, I am asking you to encourage the Federal Communications Commission to include safeguards in this new wireless telecommunications service that will ensure the safety of its users. Let me set the scene for you:

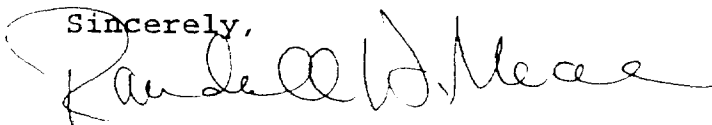
THE PRESENT -- You encounter an emergency and dial 9-1-1. When your call is answered by a call taker at your emergency center, along with it comes vital information, i.e. the number and address of the phone you are calling from and the public safety agencies (fire, police and EMS) that cover your address. Even if you are unable to speak, help is quickly on the way.

A POSSIBLE FUTURE -- You encounter an emergency and like before, you dial 9-1-1. Since your small PCS telephone unit allows you to place and receive calls almost anywhere you are, its convenience is worth what it costs you for air time but to offset some of the cost, you have had your wired home phone removed. Since the FCC did not require your PCS to provide location information, however, the call taker who receives your call has no idea where you are. Unless you are able to speak clearly and know and can tell where you are -- well you can see the obvious consequences. (This situation is already causing difficulty associated with cellular service.)

This is a national issue. If the FCC applies pressure now to slow down the process enough to allow manufacturers to incorporate Geographical Positioning Satellite (GPS) technology in these units, convenience and safety concerns can both be addressed.

As my representative I wanted you to know the importance of having the FCC take the necessary steps now to mandate exact physical location of wireless service callers, and to provide the same life saving capabilities as enhanced 9-1-1 service now provides. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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